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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 together with a request for continued examination (RCE) submitted concurrently herewith.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 5 and 20 through 39 are pending in this Application. Claims 20 through 39 have been added. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Indeed, adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure as, for example, the depicted embodiments and related discussion thereof in the written description of the specification. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 through 5. Applicants submit that new claims 20 through 39 are also in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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